

Appl. No. 10/604,659
Amdt. dated July 7, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 7, 2005

REMARKS:

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 29-35 and 39 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 36-38, 40-42, and 49 have been amended, so that claims 1-28, 36-38, and 40-50 are presently pending. Claims 1, 17, 36, and 42 are independent.

In the Office Action dated March 7, 2005, the specification is objected to because the Abstract of Disclosure exceeds 150 words. The Abstract of Disclosure has been amended to reduce the length to 150 words or less as suggested by the Examiner and accordingly the objection to the specification is now moot.

In the Action, pending claims 36-38 are objected to because they recite the term “craftsman’s tool” which the Examiner suggests may be a possible “trademark conflict with the sear trademark ‘craftsman’s tools.’” Although Applicant suggests the objected to term presents no such conflict because, among other reasons, it is not being used as a trademark, nonetheless Applicant has removed the objected to term from claims 36-38 as suggested by the Examiner. Additionally, Applicant has amended claim 42 to add “receiving” and “mounting” modifiers to the first and second usages of “structure,” respectively, for clarity and accordingly has amended claims 40-41 to add the “mounting” modifier to the usage of “structure” therein.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time in allowing claims 1-28. In the Action, claims 36 and 42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but

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indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As suggested in the Action, claims 36 and 42 have been rewritten in independent form and should therefore be in condition for allowance. Amended claims 37-38 depend directly from claim 36. Amended claims 40-41 and 49, as well as claims 43-48 and 50 depend directly or indirectly from claim 42. Accordingly, dependent claims 37-38, 40-41, and 43-50 should also be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

A One-Month Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment, along with a check in the amount of \$60.00 for the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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